

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 06 March 2003
 Name of applicant/court: New Zealand Customs Service
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Not Applicable
 Title of Publication: Praxis Dr. Fummel
 Other Known Title(s): Piss Und Scheiss Spiel
 Dr. Fummel 01 Piss Und Scheiss Spiel
 Director(s): Not Stated
 Producer(s): Not Stated
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author(s): Not Applicable
 Format: Video Recording VHS/PAL
 Country of Origin: Germany (said to be)
 Language(s): German, Dutch

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Praxis Dr. Fummel	Running Time:	45.55
Trailers:	Nil	Running Time:	
		Total Running Time:	45.55

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The video recording entitled *Praxis Dr. Fummel* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication promotes and supports the use of urine and excrement in association with sexual conduct, and is therefore deemed to be objectionable. Although the parts causing the publication to offend s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) could be excised, the remainder of the video recording depicts sexual conduct of an intensely degrading nature to such an extent and degree as to still make the publication objectionable.

The video recording contains a dated German feature explicitly depicting a sexual fetish session in a specialised 'dungeon'. A man playing a doctor and a woman playing a patient and then a nurse are the main actors in two main scenes in which medical procedures are sexualised in an intensely degrading manner. Another woman, who mainly directs proceedings as a nurse, presents as a dominatrix guiding this pair through the session. She involves a second man during the first scene.

The classification interferes with the freedom of expression outlined in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the outcome of the publication falling within the criteria of s3(2) of the FVPC Act is prescribed by law, reflecting Parliament's intention that publications with the effect of promoting and supporting the use of urine and excrement in association with sexual conduct should be banned so as to prevent injury to the public good.

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